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For : TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR  
ALLOWING ACCESS TO  
BOTH TELEPHONE  
NETWORK AND COMPUTER..

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claim 4, and add new claim 12 as follows:

4. (amended) A telephone system as defined in claim 2, said second condition is defined by a term including the fact that any key other than said specific key is operated in the input key section under the off-hook state in said on-hook/off-hook operation section, wherein when detecting that said second condition is satisfied, said control section is operable for said switching section to connect said telephonic function section with said telephone network.

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Please add the following new claim:

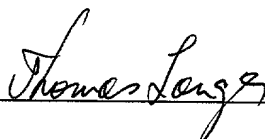
--12. (new) A telephone system as defined in claim 3, said second condition is defined by a term including the fact that any key other than said specific key is operated in the input key section under the off-hook state in said on-hook/off-hook operation section, wherein when detecting that said second condition is satisfied, said control section is operable for said switching section to connect said telephonic function section with said telephone network.--

R E M A R K S

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a clean copy of amended claim 4 is set forth in the present Amendment, and a marked-up version of the amended claim 4 is attached hereto.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (amended) A telephone system as defined in claim 2 [or 3], said second condition is defined by a term including the fact that any key other than said specific key is operated in the input key section under the off-hook state in said on-hook/off-hook operation section, wherein when detecting that said second condition is satisfied, said control section is operable for said switching section to connect said telephonic function section with said telephone network.